

LARGE FAMILY DAY CARE REQUIREMENTS

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Definition: Home licensed to provide day care less than 24 hours per day for fourteen or fewer children, in the providers own home. 2016 California Fire Code, California Building Code and California Residential Code.

Occupancy: R3

1. Smoke Alarms

Install single station smoke alarms in each sleeping room and on the ceiling or wall outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bed rooms. In multi-level dwellings and dwellings with basements, a detector shall be installed on each story and in the basement. **CFC 907.2.11.2**

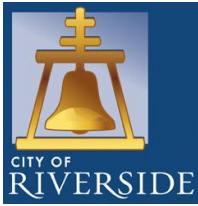
2. Manual Fire Alarm Box

Every large family day care home shall be provided with at least one manual fire alarm box at a location approved by the Fire Inspector. This device shall activate a fire alarm signal, which shall be audible throughout the facility at a minimum level of 15 db above ambient noise level. Need not be interconnected to any other fire alarm device, have a control panel or be electrically supervised or provided with emergency power. Such device shall be attached to the structure and must be a device that is listed and approved by the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

3. Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Carbon monoxide alarms in dwelling units shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's published instructions in the following locations:
CRC R315.3

1. Outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms.
2. On every occupiable level of a dwelling unit, including basements.
3. Where a fueled-burning appliance is located within a bedroom or its attached bathroom, a carbon monoxide alarm shall be installed with the bedroom.



4. Fire Drills

A dependable means of sounding a fire alarm that can be heard throughout your home shall be provided. A smoke alarm mounted on a wall forty-eight (48) inches from the floor would be an acceptable method of sounding an alarm. Monthly fire drills shall be conducted and a record maintained. **CFC 907.2.6.4**

5. Fire Extinguishers

- a) Provide one (1) 2A:10BC type fire extinguisher, mounted three and one-half to five feet from the floor and located near the kitchen area. Extinguisher(s) shall be serviced yearly, when pressure is low, and/or after use. **CFC 906**
- b) Extinguisher must be accessible.

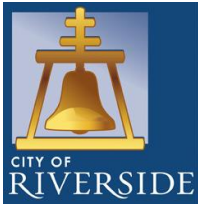
6. Exits

- a) Every story or basement of a large family day care home shall be provided with two exits which are remotely located from each other. Every required exit shall be of a size to permit the installation of a door not less than 32 inches in clear width and not less than 6 feet 8 inches in height. A manually operated horizontal sliding door may be used as one of the two required exits. **CBC 1006.2.2.7**
- b) Rooms used for day care purposes shall not be located above the first story. **CBC 1006.2.2.7**

Exception: Buildings equipped with an automatic sprinkler system throughout and which have at least one of the required exits providing access directly to the exterior. NFPA 13R may be used in large family day care homes. The sprinkler omission s of NFPA13R shall not apply unless approved by the enforcing agency.

7. Additional Areas of Concern

- a) Storage of combustibles in water heater closets (including accumulation of lint and spider webs) is not permitted. **CFC 305.1**
- b) Electrical extension cords are not to be used. Cords on appliances will be checked. **CFC 605.5**
- c) Weeds, large piles of debris, and trash shall be cleared away. **CFC 304.1.1 & 304.1.2**



- d) Properly store flammable or combustible liquids in safety cans away from sources of ignition, i.e., gasoline next to water heater. **CFC Chapter 57**

PLEASE NOTE THAT PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A FIRE CLEARANCE, YOU MUST OBTAIN A LARGE FAMILY DAY CARE PERMIT FROM THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE *PLANNING DEPARTMENT*.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Fire Prevention:

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